

The 1969 NFD results are now out, and the club came 20th. out of 34 in the two station entry section, with 1094 points as compared to 2375 for the leaders Guildford, and 392 for the tailenders Wessex. Wirral beat us with 1399 points to 14th place, and in fact beat us on all bands. Our best bands were 14, 7, 3.5, 1.8, and 28 in that order. See the Aug. Bull. (p565) for details. If you haven't got the Bull. then you aren't a member of the RSGB -- why not? You must join now and help defend the future of Amateur radio.

#### THE CLUB PROGRAMME.

- Aug 26 Colour TV - by Alan Warne G8AYW.
- Sept 2 Rhosesmor Revisited cars leave YMCA 1900 hrs.
- Sept 8 Monday Committee Meeting.
- Sept 9 Film of Orkney Expedition 1969.
- Sept 16 ? (All suggestions gratefully received!)
- Sept 23 RSGB Film 'RADIO NEWS OF 1969'.

#### The Month With The Club

On July 8th we visited the Liverpool Club and renewed some old scouse acquaintances. With no formal programme arranged our own G3TPY filled the G.A.P. with a talk on the Intruder Watch. Quite a lively debate followed - the Liverpool lads having a beautiful command of the English language. and we look forward to a return invasion sometime. The outing to Rhosesmor is reported below, and on July 2nd we saw the other 'Other Mans Shack' on the screen, with G3TTN, G8BMH, G8AYW, G3UVA at trace of G3ATZ, and G8AWS. The Junk Sale on July 29th was well attended and supplied.

No news at the time of writing of the Orkney expedition.

#### EXPEDITION TO RHOSSESMOR

The meeting on July 15th was a mini VHF field day. The weather was ideal for this event, held on the thousand foot asl. pimplet Rhosesmor, site of an ancient and still well defined hillfort; presently occupied by sheep, flies amorous welsh tribesfolk, and intermittently by GW8ACG/P (hence the name Barneys mountain), and G8AWS/P. Arthur provided the gear, comprising a Pye Cambridge, EC10, and 10 ele. skybeam. Contacts were slow at first, mainly in adjoining counties, but later things were warmed up with contacts in Sussex, Surrey Kent etc. By the time Arthur reluctantly packed up, the best Dx was Aberdeen to the north and Herne Bay (Kent) to the south. Several members tried out their RADAR obtaining good fixes on the local. Transport was provided by 3EWZ, 3FNV, 8AWS 3ATZ and / 3UOH. / G3FNV and G3LDH recorded the proceedings on film - but no tape-recorder was available to record the ribald wit (?). without which no such occasion would be complete. Many thanks Arthur for providing gear and incentive for this FB event. We look forward to a repeat on Sep 2.

Who is the prosperous looking guy in the middle photo on p 555 of the Aug. Bull. For more pin-ups join the RSGB.

#### HEARD ON THE AIR.

G3UWV---"Hold on a minute George the Tx has started to smoke"  
Reply from TTN, "OK Malcolm I'll come round with a can of petrol"

And now a few words from the pen of G3ENV (Poet Laureate elect 1970)  
Chaps try your hand at a limorick,  
All that you need is a gimm-cr-ick,  
If its really absurd,  
Almost any last word,  
Will do if your name is Frederick.

There was a young lady called Pam,  
Who fell in love with a ham,  
She couldnt read his CW  
threw out his KW,  
Now ham is stroke P with a prem.

(come back Pete White all is forgiven).

Alan Wright will give a dud 6I4G as a prize for the worst homebrew limer-ick.

#### GOING METRIC

There cant be many of you whodont know that the UK is going metric in the early 1970s- dont confuse metric with decimal. Perhaps not many of you have thought of the ways in which going metric will affect Hams.

Not only are we changing to metres , kilogrammes etc, but we are adopting the S.I. (Systeme Internationale) units. This will replace the present mix-up of Imperial,cgs, MKS , and other odd confusing units, Fortunately the-amp, volt, ohm etc, will be as before, even if the loss of the cycle 8hertz      some of you a bit.

Size -wise lengths less than one meter are going to be given in millimetres(in the SI system the first sub-multiple is one thousandth of the principle unit) So a 10 by 8 by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " chassis will be 254x203 63 mm.

A 100 yd reel of 7/029 to wire up the shack will become a 100metre reel of 2.5 sq.mm. and it will probably have solid wiresnot strands, Co-ax for antennae will come by the metre, with attenuation given in dB/100 m. , capacity in pFs/m. and DG resistance in ohms per Km. During the transitional period data will be merely arithmetic conversions to mm. from Imperial standard sizes. TV cables, services RF (Uniradio) cablesetc will all eventually be made to true metric sizes, which are at present being compiled.

Have you ever thought how much easier it is to think of the length of a 20m. dipole in metres, .... It happens to be 10m! Well who'd have thought ti.

STOP PRESS ::::: G2YS sends 73 to Chester from USA. He is on 20m. using a K.W. , and his call is G2YS/P W8 . He is going to VE3 and W2 before returning .

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS are wanted for the next issue, lets hear from a few more of you whose names are not yet in print.

The next issue will be late as the Ed. is on Holiday for the last two weeks in Aug. and will not be putting pen to paper during that time.

73 dc G3ETH

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